CPEC
Selected Publications

The California Postsecondary Education Commission was established in 1974 as the state's higher education coordinating agency. CPEC conducts research and advises the Governor, legislators, and other agencies on higher education issues. CPEC maintains the state's most comprehensive higher education database.

AFFORDABILITY AND FINANCIAL AID

CPEC reviews student fee and financial aid policy and maintains data on costs. Publications include policy recommendations on financial aid, tax incentives, textbook prices, and housing.

Costs at Public Universities: How does California Compare with other States?
June 2010. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-12.pdf

Fees at California's Public Colleges and Universities
March 2010. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-01.pdf

Community Colleges: Still an Affordable Route to a Degree?
September 2008. 6 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-14.pdf

Who Can Afford It? How Rising Costs are Making College Unaffordable for Working Families
June 2008. 8 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-10.pdf

Keeping College Affordable in California: Recommended Policy Options and a Panel Report
December 2006. 32 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2006reports/06-22.pdf

TRENDS IN COLLEGE-GOING

CPEC has extensive data on college-going rates, enrollment trends, transfer between colleges, time-to-degree, and student persistence. CPEC's research examines how these are affected by factors such as race/ethnicity, gender differences, regional characteristics, and parental education level.

College-Going Rates
March 2007. 8 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-04.pdf

Have they Finished? Time-to-Degree of Freshmen Entering UC and CSU in Fall 2000
June 2006. 6 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2006reports/wp06-02.pdf

UNIVERSITY ELIGIBILITY

CPEC conducts studies to estimate the percentage of public high school graduates who meet CSU and UC admission requirements. These studies indicate how eligibility varies between schools and between different ethnic groups.

College-Going and University Eligibility: Differences between Racial/Ethnic Groups
March 2009. 2 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-11.pdf

University Eligibility Study for the Class of 2007
December 2008. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-20.pdf

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY PROJECTIONS

These reports describe projections on physical capacity, costs, and undergraduate enrollment demand at the community colleges, CSU, and UC. This analysis supports long-range planning and assists the Governor and the Legislature in budget and policy deliberations.

Ready or Not, Here They Come: Executive Summary
4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/D10-01.pdf

Ready or Not, Here They Come: Undergraduate Enrollment Demand and Capacity Projections
June 2010. 64 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-08.pdf

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCING

These publications include policy recommendations on the state budget for higher education and analysis on the broader subject of higher education funding.

Budget Update: June 3, 2010
June 2010. 7 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-09.pdf

Legislative Analyst's Office Report on Coordinating Higher Education in California
March 2010. 3 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-06.pdf

Higher Education Budget Cuts: How are they Affecting Students?
December 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-27.pdf

Ecopy of this report with links to all publications listed

www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/D10-02.pdf

Complete list of CPEC Publications — www.cpec.ca.gov/secondpages/reports.asp

PROGRAM AND FACILITIES PLANNING AND REVIEW

CPEC reviews proposals for campuses, off-campus centers, and programs to ensure that educational needs are being met and that resources are used effectively. Program review criteria include student demand, societal need, appropriateness to the institutional and system mission, number of programs in the field, costs, program quality, and advancement of knowledge.

Update on Program Review Activities
June 2010. 2 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-11.pdf

Program Planning and Review to Promote Responsiveness to Public Needs, 2008–09
December 2009. 28 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-31.pdf

Proposed Revisions to the Commission's Guidelines for Approval of Community College Educational Centers
March 2009. 3 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-08.pdf

Using Educational Centers to Enhance Student Access and Success
March 2008. 9 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-09.pdf

Meeting the K–14 Challenge: Examining the Case for Doctoral Programs in Educational Leadership
December 2007. 20 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-25.pdf

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Using the question "How does California's postsecondary education system contribute to the needs of the state's economy?" as a starting point, CPEC has studied ways to strengthen the nexus between higher education and workforce development. Research and recommendations seek to improve the alignment of college and university programs with workforce needs.

The Nexus between Postsecondary Education and Workforce Development — Conclusions and Policy Options
December 2007. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-22.pdf

The Degree Gap: Are University Graduates Making Full Use of Their Degrees?
September 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-23.pdf

Contributions to Economic, Civic, and Social Development
December 2007. 8 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-27.pdf

Degrees Awarded in Selected Areas of Projected Workforce Demand
September 2007. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-17.pdf

ACCESS AND EQUITY

One of CPEC's priorities is to ensure that all students have equal opportunities in higher education. Recent studies focused on students with disabilities and LGBT students. Recommendations included improving campus climates with professional development for faculty and staff, offering alternative instructional materials, enhancing data collection, and improving student services.

Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities
June 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-15.pdf

Meeting the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students
June 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-14.pdf

The Gender Gap in California Higher Education
June 2006. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2006reports/06-08.pdf

OTHER COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

CPEC conducts research on higher education issues at the request of the Legislature and the Governor. The Commission's legislative representatives and research staff are available to assist policymakers in developing legislation that will result in improvements in the accessibility, affordability, and effectiveness of California's higher education system.

DATA SYSTEMS

CPEC's website has extensive data and can generate reports on college-going, transfers, demographics, costs, financing, enrollments, and degrees. These can be broken down by county, legislative district, gender, and ethnicity.

Workforce and Fiscal Data — School to Employment Pathways System (STEPS)
Offers students, counselors, employers, and policymakers a variety of workforce facts cross-referenced with degree and certificate programs. — www.cpec.ca.gov/fiscaldata/steps.asp

Quick Data — Student Snapshots
A sampling of enrollments, degrees awarded, program offerings, and information on how students progress through higher education.
www.cpec.ca.gov/studentdata/studentsnapshotmenu.asp

2008 Publications — College Choices for Local High Schools
A data-driven report on the top college choices for high school graduates in each Assembly and Senate district. — www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/op08-02.asp

Guide to Colleges and Universities
A listing of public colleges and universities that can be searched by name, location, programs offered, accreditation, and other criteria. — www.cpec.ca.gov/collegeguide/collegeguide.asp

Mobile website — m.cpec.ca.gov